

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REGISTERED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of registered commercial aircraft at present;
- (b) the increase expected in the number of these aircraft in the coming three years;
- (c) whether the number of pilots are less in proportion to the number of flights of the aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the action plan formulated by the Government to meet this shortage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a):- The total number of aircraft registered for commercial operations are 666 out of which 410 are being used for Scheduled Operations and 256 for Non Scheduled Operations.
- (b):- It is expected that there may be an increase of about 10% in the aircraft fleet for Scheduled operation and 40% for Non Scheduled Operation in the coming three years.
- (c):- Yes, Sir.
- (d):- The Govt. has taken following steps to meet the shortage of pilots:

For the issue of Commercial Pilot License the number of hours of flying has already been reduced from 250 to 200 hours in line with international standards. Rule 28-A of the Aircraft Rules has been amended to enable pilots to exercise the privileges of their license for commercial transport operations up to the age of 65 years under certain condition. Director General of Civil Aviation has issued Civil Aviation Requirement permitting the pilots holding flight instructor rating to impart training up to the age of 65 years under certain conditions. Government has also taken steps for upgradation and modernization of training infrastructure of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity, setting up of a world class flying training institute at Gondia, Maharashtra and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft through Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Aero Club of India.